

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) An information recording method for use with a recording apparatus, the method complying with an optical disc format and comprising the steps of:

recording record information on a recording medium, the record information including 1) a plurality of VOBUs which are physical information of the record information, 2) one or more VOBs which are management information for managing the VOBUs as physical information units, each of which contains one or more VOBUs and 3) one or more titles which are reproduction control information for controlling reproduction of the VOBUs, each of which contains one or more VOBUs;

recording first identifying information on the recording medium; and

recording second identifying information on the recording medium;

wherein the first identifying information corresponds to each of the one or more VOBs and indicates whether a corresponding VOB is in a logically erased state, and the second identifying information corresponds to each of the one or more titles and prevents erasing or editing of a corresponding title.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The information recording method according to claim 15, wherein the second identifying information indicates whether a corresponding title is to be protected.

18-26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) An information recording system for recording a data structure on a recording medium, the system complying with an optical disc format and comprising:

a first recording device which records record information of the data structure on a recording medium, the record information including (1) one or more VOBUs which are physical information of the record information, (2) one or more VOBs which are management information for managing the VOBUs as physical information unit, each of which contains one or more VOBUs, and (3) one or more titles which are reproduction control information for controlling reproduction of the VOBUs, each of which contains one or more VOBUs;

a second recording device which records first identifying information on the recording medium, the first identifying information being related to each of the VOBs and including a first data protection flag that prevents erasing or editing of a corresponding VOB; and

a third recording device which records second identifying information on the recording medium, the second identifying information being related to each of the titles and including a second data protection flag that prevents erasing or editing of a corresponding title,

wherein the first identifying information indicates whether a corresponding VOB is in a logically erased state.

28-32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) The information recording method recited in claim 15, wherein, when one of the first identifying information and the second identifying information is changed by the recording apparatus, the other of the first identifying information and the second identifying information is changed by the recording apparatus relative to and in response to the change in the one of the first identifying information and the second identifying information.

34. (Previously Presented) The information recording method recited in claim 27, wherein, when one of the second recording device and the third recording device changes one corresponding identifying information, the other of the second recording device and the third recording device changes the other corresponding identifying information relative to and in response to the change in the one of the first identifying information and the second identifying information.